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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC South Shore Beach Apartments

AND/OR COMMON

Seventy Three Twenty One South Shore Drive Co-op

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

7321 South Shore Drive

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Chicago

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd (Morgan F. Murphy)

STATE

Illinois

CODE

COUNTY

Cook

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

7321 South Shore Cooperative Apartments, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

7321 South Shore Drive

CITY, TOWN

Chicago

VICINITY OF

STATE
Illinois**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Cook County Building

STREET & NUMBER

118 North Clark Street

CITY, TOWN

Chicago

STATE
Illinois**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The South Shore Beach Apartment building was designed in 1926, construction began in 1927 and it was completed early in 1928. It has been superbly maintained and has survived virtually intact as designed and built. The exterior and the semi-public spaces have not been altered in any way. Some of the individual apartments have had minor changes made by their occupants, but no structural changes have been made. In some cases, kitchens, baths and mechanical systems have been upgraded.

The building has thirteen floors plus basement. The exterior is sheathed in a textured "tapestry" brick with a semi-raked joint. Exterior maintenance has been excellent. The semi-public lobby space and hallways have either slate or carpeted floors. The slate is original while the carpeting is of a pattern very close to the original. The wall surfaces are largely canvas or painted plaster. The beamed ceilings in the lobby and halls still have their original decorative stenciling.

There are a total of 64 apartments plus engineer's quarters in the building. Two elevators for passengers serve no more than four apartments per floor providing a high degree of planned privacy. There are also two freight elevators serving each floor. Many of the occupants of the structure have lived there in excess of 40 years. It was converted to a cooperative building in 1950. The Owner's Association is very active and intends to make every effort to maintain this building in as near original condition as possible.

8: SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1926-28

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Robert S. De Golyer, FAIA

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The South Shore Beach Apartment building represents an example of the building type first developed just after the turn of the century and which reached its zenith in Chicago and New York City immediately prior to the great depression of 1929. This particular building was one of the last of its kind built in Chicago and it has survived intact.

The building is essentially "L" shaped with two half octagonal bays on the west facade with the remaining walls being very nearly flat with regular window fenestration. Stylistically, the structure is reminiscent of Spanish or Moorish influences but can more correctly be related to the Art Deco or Moderne architecture of the late 1920's. It is, indeed, a product of its time and is exactly what it appears to be, a high quality, well designed apartment building.

The architect for the building was Robert S. De Golyer, FAIA. Mr. De Golyer held one of the earliest licences to practice in Illinois having opened his office in 1898. He became nationally recognized for his apartment, hotel and housing designs. His work included the Ambassador East Hotel, the Brocton Apartment building, and the Julia Lathrop Federal housing project. Mr. De Golyer had a National practice and worked in many cities other than Chicago. One of his major later projects was that of acting as Assistant Architect for the Pentagon Building in Washington, D. C. He was educated in the Evanston Public School System, at Yale and at M.I.T. He joined the American Institute of Architects in 1915, was raised to Fellowship in that organization and was an Emeritus Fellow when he passed away in 1952.

The South Shore Beach Apartment building is a splendid example of a type of building developed to satisfy the needs of people wishing to live in the inner city, near Chicago's lake, on very expensive property. It is a classic example of an excellent solution to a specific architectural problem. The building could not be duplicated today and every effort is being made to maintain it in perpetuity.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Spray, John C. (Ed.), Chicago's Great South Shore. South Shore Publishing Company, Chicago, 1930, p. 102.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 137 and 138 of Division 3 of South Shore Subdivision of the North fractional $\frac{1}{2}$ of the fractional Section 30, Township 38 North, Range 15, East of the 3rd principal Meridian, together with a resub-division of Lots 1, 2, 4, 64, 66, 126, 127, 128 in Division 1 of Westfall's subdivision of 208 acres, being the Southeast fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ and the east $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30 aforesaid.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Wilbert R. Hasbrouck, FAIA

ORGANIZATION

HISTORIC RESOURCES

DATE

September 26, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

1900 South Prairie Avenue

TELEPHONE

(312) 225-3189

CITY OR TOWN

Chicago

STATE

Illinois 60616

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered JUN 9 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jacksonville Historic District	Jacksonville Morgan County
Curtis, Elijah P., House	Metropolis Massac County
South Shore Beach Apartments	Chicago Cook County

CONSERVATION
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LAND & HISTORIC SITES

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Honorable Morgan F. Murphy

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